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40. The method of claim **38** which results in the production of an antibody fragment.

41. The method of claim **38** wherein the antibody fragment is an F(ab)₂ fragment.

42. The method of claim **40** wherein the antibody fragment is a Fab fragment.

43. The method of claim **38** which results in the production of an antibody.

44. A method for making an antibody capable of specifically binding a desired antigen, the antibody comprising heavy and light immunoglobulin polypeptide chains each comprising a variable region sequence and a human constant region sequence, the method comprising the steps of (a) transforming a recombinant host cell with a replicable expression vector comprising DNA encoding the heavy immunoglobulin polypeptide chain and a replicable expression vector comprising DNA encoding the light immunoglobulin polypeptide chain, wherein each of the DNAs is operably linked to a promoter; and (b) culturing the host cell to produce a host cell culture that expresses said antibody.

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45. A replicable expression vector comprising DNA encoding an antibody heavy chain or fragment thereof and an antibody light chain or fragment thereof each having specificity for a desired antigen, the heavy chain or fragment thereof and the light chain or fragment thereof each comprising a variable region sequence and a human constant region sequence.

46. A recombinant host cell comprising the vector of claim **45**.

47. A recombinant host cell comprising (a) a vector comprising DNA encoding an antibody heavy chain or fragment thereof comprising a variable region sequence and human constant region sequence and (b) a vector comprising DNA encoding an antibody light chain or fragment thereof comprising a variable region sequence and a human constant region sequence.

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